



Ocotillo

Weekly Update

A newsletter for the residents of Glendale's Ocotillo District



Councilmember Norma Alvarez

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HOPE FOR HUNGER

Grand Opening
Pancake Breakfast

June 23rd - 8 to 10 a.m.

5605 North 55th Avenue
Glendale Az, 85301

Pancakes, Music and Drinks will be provided

Come Join us as we begin to
"End The Hurt Of Hunger" In Glendale

www.hopeforhungerfb.org

Help Deter Crime in Vacant Homes. There has been an increase in burglaries and thefts from vacant homes in Glendale. Homes for sale or rent, under foreclosure, between owners or abandoned often have signs out front and lock boxes present – a sign to criminals that the homes are vacant. Most occurrences are not reported until someone notices something is missing during a visit to the property, making it difficult to investigate the crime.

Please help by using the following tips:

- If you are involved with, or have a vacant property in your neighborhood, please report any suspicious behavior, persons or vehicles to the police department
- If you are responsible for a home, take time to:
 - Check on it often
 - Secure the property
 - Provide neighbors with your contact information

For more information or to report suspicious activity, please call the Glendale Police Department at 623-930-3000. In an emergency, call 9-1-1.

Luke AFB Confirmed as Top Choice for F-35 Training Center. Luke Air Force Base remains the Air Force's preferred location for its new F-35A training center, according to a final environmental report released this week by the Department of Defense.

The 1,000-page report, referred to as the final environmental impact statement (EIS), provides an in-depth analysis on the environmental and operational aspects on the proposed basing of the F-35A training center at Luke, as well as at three other alternative basing locations being studied.

The final EIS report paves the way for up to six squadrons – totaling 144 aircraft – of the new fighter jets being stationed at Luke Air Force Base in Glendale that are scheduled to begin arriving at Luke in late 2013.

The report details the environmental impacts relating to the needed facilities, personnel changes, flight operations, military ranges and military airspace required to house the F-35A.

The Final EIS also noted the foresight and benefit of state statutes enacted by Arizona, which provide sufficient buffer, noise attenuation measures and land management to enable the F-35A to be stationed at Luke. The Air Force's analysis highlights how the state statutes and local government actions dating back to 2001 preserve the training mission of the base.

Arena Lease Management Agreement

[Click here](#) for the main points of the arena lease and management agreement, documents and more information.



Now that the final report is complete, the Air Force is expected to announce its final basing decision for the F-35A next month. In addition to serving as the “school house” for F-35A training, Luke will keep two F-16 training squadrons comprised of 26 aircraft at the military facility. Prior to completing its final report, the Air Force held extensive public meetings in the community to receive input from residents, businesses and other governmental agencies. Nearly 10,000 Luke supporters attended the meetings or sent letters or emails to the Air Force in support of Luke receiving the F-35A training mission. In total, almost 21,000 citizens living in every city and town throughout Arizona have registered their support of the new training mission at www.LukeForward.com.

The complete final EIS report, executive summary and supporting documents are available online at www.F-35ATrainingEIS.com.

Preparing for Monsoon. The Valley’s monsoon is always unpredictable, but when it strikes, it’s best to be ready. That’s why it is important that residents are educated on safety measures as well as informed on what to expect in turbulent monsoon conditions.

The city of Glendale has created a website dedicated to the monsoon, where the public can find a wealth of information about preparing for an emergency, especially during the monsoon.

Information on the website includes:

- How to drive safely in a storm, including information on the ‘Stupid Motorist Law’
- Contact information to have easily accessible in an emergency
- Have a family or household emergency plan with a ready kit
- Where to go in the city to get sandbags in the event of very heavy rainfall with flooding

Visit www.glendaleaz.com/monsoon for complete details. In addition, Glendale 11 and CBS 5 are teaming up once again to bring residents the latest local and state information about Arizona’s monsoon. Check the Glendale 11 TV guide for the latest listings at www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11.

Around Town

Summer Film Viewing and Discussion Series. “Exceptional, Inspirational, and Determined: Favorite Biographical Films of the Famous” is the theme of this year’s summer film viewing and discussion series Saturdays at 1 p.m., at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Film scholar, Jeannie Berg returns for a seventh year with the popular, free “Reel Talk Film Series.”

On June 16, My Left Foot with Daniel Day-Lewis, Brenda Fricker and Ray McAnally will be shown. Based on his autobiography, My Left Foot is the fascinating portrait of Christy Brown, an Irishman afflicted with cerebral palsy who, with the support of his mother triumphed over the crippling condition to become one of Ireland’s foremost literary figures and artists. Rated “R.”

Job Searching Labs. Mike Burton, Glendale Library Information Technology Specialist, will be available to offer job coaching assistance. Bilingual assistance will also be available. This open lab is for online job searching, resume writing and other job-related activities. The next labs will be held on June 20th and June 27th from 2 – 4 p.m. at Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Job Searching Labs. Steve Schrade, former director of Human Resources for Bashas’, and Estrella Mountain Community College instructor, will be available to offer job coaching assistance. This open lab is for online job searching, resume writing and other job-related activities. The next labs are June 21st and June 28th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Glendale Summer Band’s Tribute to the Circus. Join us each Thursday through July 26 at 8 p.m. in the Murphy Park Amphitheater, located at 59th Avenue and Glenn Drive for the Glendale Summer Band Concert Series. The June 21 performance will be a tribute to the circus! For more information, [click here](#) or call the Glendale’s Special Events hotline at 623-930-2299.

Swim Lessons. Registration is open for group and private swim lessons this summer at Rose Lane Aquatics Center and Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center. Group swim lessons run now through Aug. 4. These for 30 minute lessons run Monday through Thursday for two weeks. Private lessons include two 30-minute sessions. For more information, [click here](#) or call 623-930-2820.

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